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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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Taken at 1301 Third Avenue

Detroit, Michigan

Commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Before Rhonda M. Foster, CSR 3612

1 COMMISSIONERS:
2 JESSICA TAYLOR, Commissioner
3 DONNELL R. WHITE, Commissioner
4 RICHARD SHELBY, Commissioner, District 1
5 WENDELL L. BYRD, Commissioner, District 2
6 REGINALD CRAWFORD, District 3
7 WILLIE E. BELL, Chairperson, District 4
8 WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner, District 5
9 LISA CARTER, Vice Chairperson, District 6
10 RICARDO R. MOORE, Commissioner, District 7
11 GEORGE ANTHONY, Executive Secretary

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14 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

15 COMMAND STAFF:

16 D.C. BROWN

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, August 21, 2014
3 About 3:04 p.m.

4 (Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Burton,
5 Commissioner Taylor not present).

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

7 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to welcome you to
9 the weekly Thursday meeting of the Board of Police
10 Commission, at 3:00 here at Headquarters. I am your
11 Chair, Willie Bell.

12 And I am going to ask the Board Secretary,
13 Mr. George Anthony, to conduct a rollcall at this
14 particular time.

15 I think some Commissioners are running late,
16 but I know Commissioner Shelby is not going to be with
17 us this afternoon, but we are going to move forward in
18 terms of timeframe.

19 I appreciate you here to attend this meeting,
20 and I want to extend a warm welcome to you, to the
21 Board of Police Commission meeting. Thank you.

22 SECRETARY ANTHONY: For the record, George
23 Anthony, Secretary to the Board.

24 Commissioner Lisa Carter is running late, she
25 will be here, as is Commissioner Willie E. Bell. They

1 have contacted me. They are running late.

2 Commissioner Wendell L. Byrd?

3 COMMISSIONER BYRD: Present.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Burton.

5 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Burton, I am sorry. I
6 apologize, Commissioner Willie E. Burton, please
7 correct the record, Commissioner Willie E. Burton is
8 running late.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

10 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Wendell L.
11 Byrd?

12 COMMISSIONER BYRD: Present.

13 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Reginald
14 Crawford?

15 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Present.

16 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Ricardo R.
17 Moore?

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Present.

19 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Richard
20 Shelby has asked to be excused.

21 Commissioner Jessica Taylor?

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: She might be running a
23 little late. She might be able to make it. I am not
24 sure. Thank you.

25 SECRETARY ANTHONY: And Commissioner Donnell

1 R. White?

2 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Present.

3 SECRETARY ANTHONY: That completes the
4 introduction -- or that completes the rollcall.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, do we have a quorum?

6 SECRETARY ANTHONY: We do have a quorum, sir.
7 We have five commissioners out of nine.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 So the meeting is officially called to order.

10 At this time, I would like to introduce the
11 one and only outstanding young man, the Deputy Chief
12 Daryl Brown, sitting in for Chief Craig.

13 Did I get that right?

14 D.C. BROWN: Yes, sir. Thank you very much,
15 sir. Glad to be present.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The one and only?

17 D.C. BROWN: One and only.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: As you know, I like a
19 little humor to our meeting. If you are offended by
20 that, I apologize, but that is the way that -- I think
21 we need a little laughter, even though we are engaging
22 in serious business. And I know Deputy Chief Daryl
23 Brown has a sense of humor. And he is a dedicated law
24 enforcement officer.

25 And I bumped into the Chief earlier, and as

1 always, he is on the move, Chief Craig, and Assistant
2 Chief Hauser. So I don't think they are going to be
3 with us, but I know they are taking care of business.

4 So Mr. Anthony, would you introduce the
5 staff, please?

6 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, sir.

7 We have present Ms. Aliyah Sabree, our
8 attorney to the Board, seated to the right. We have
9 Ms. Pamela Davis-Drake seated in front. She is our
10 Chief Investigator from the Office of the Chief
11 Investigator. Sergeant Alan Quinn is recording our
12 proceedings in the back. And Ms. Rhonda Foster from
13 Hanson Court Reporting service is taking the
14 transcript.

15 That completes the introductions.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

17 Commissioner, you have the agenda before you,
18 and the public should also have that agenda that's been
19 circulated at the door. So what is your pleasure?

20 COMMISSIONER BYRD: Motion that the agenda be
21 accepted.

22 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved
24 and second.

25 Ready for the question. Those in favor?

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

3 Motion carried.

4 The next order of business will be the
5 minutes from the meeting on Thursday, August the 14th,
6 2014.

7 Commissioner, you also have that in your
8 package, and hopefully prior to.

9 What is your pleasure in reference to the
10 minutes from August the 14th?

11 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Move for adoption.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved
14 and second.

15 Those in favor?

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

18 Motion carries.

19 The next item of business in reference to the
20 Chair reporting briefly, I just want to mention that I
21 attended, along with other Commissioner, I think
22 Commissioner Crawford, and also Commissioner Shelby,
23 the graduation ceremony for the officers.

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And the promotion ceremony

1 this past Friday at Greater Grace.

2 And did I see Deputy Chief Brown there?

3 D.C. BROWN: No, sir. I was attending the
4 National Black Police Officers Association Conference
5 in L.A.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Conference I used to be
7 Past Chair of.

8 D.C. BROWN: They spoke highly of you guys.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Really?

10 D.C. BROWN: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I am glad you
12 was able to represent us. That's really a necessary
13 entity with all of the issues in the country. We have
14 addressed some of those issues in the past. And it is
15 ongoing.

16 But it is also under -- the graduation
17 ceremony was under the leadership of Director Gail
18 Oxendine. I picked it up on the intern. I asked her
19 with respect that she is Director of Personnel, and
20 that was an outstanding graduation ceremony along with
21 the promotion. I just want to commend you. I am
22 pretty sure perhaps others might want to elaborate a
23 little bit more a little bit later on, but I think the
24 troops were very, very sharp, because we had the
25 opportunity to interact with them prior to, in the

1 Academy class, Director. Chief Investigator Drake gave
2 them a good overview of our duties and responsibility
3 as Office of Chief of Investigator. I think that was
4 very, very important. So that's basically all I have
5 to report at this time. I might reserve some comments
6 for a later time.

7 But now on item number 9 is the report in
8 reference to the Chief of Police.

9 Deputy Chief Brown?

10 D.C. BROWN: Yes, sir. Deputy Chief Brown on
11 behalf of Chief James Craig.

12 The Board, Chair, I am just going to present
13 some preliminary criminal statistics with the week
14 ending 8/17/2014.

15 As it relates to non-fatal shootings, we are
16 showing a reduction of 15.5 percent; the difference of
17 about 123 less individuals shot thus far this year.

18 As it relates to criminal homicides, we have
19 a reduction of about 13.8 percent, trending still
20 downward, and about 29 would be the difference in the
21 individuals that have been criminally killed thus far
22 this year.

23 Thirty-seven percent is our overall reduction
24 as far as robbery is concerned year-to-date. That
25 includes business and citizen robbery contacts. And

1 that represents about 644 less robberies.

2 I don't know if you guys have access to our
3 CompStat page, but it is showing a 10 percent overall
4 reduction as far as violent crime is concerned, as well
5 as 26, 25, and 25 respectively with burglary, larceny,
6 and stolen vehicles.

7 So we are trending -- the Chief likes to say
8 we are trending downward as it relates to crime. We
9 have a soft goal of about 10 percent, so we are on
10 track to make our goal, but we are also conducting
11 additional operations in the weeks to come to try to
12 maintain our efforts as it relates to reductions in
13 crime.

14 So that will be our report as far as crime is
15 concerned. And that's about all I have to add at this
16 time.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any
18 questions or comments in reference to Deputy Chief
19 Brown report?

20 (Commissioner Burton entered proceedings at
21 about 3:11 p.m.)

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Seeing none, I guess it
23 appropriate to say thank you, sir.

24 Director Gail, do you want to take this
25 opportunity, do you have anything to share with us?

1 MS. OXENDINE: Nothing to share.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you then.

3 I want the record to reflect that
4 Commissioner Burton has joined us at this particular
5 time.

6 Good to see you, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Good to see you.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, we are at
9 item number 10, Standing Committee Reports.
10 Any Standing Subcommittee or Committee
11 Reports at this time?

12 If not, item number 11 is New Business.

13 We have resolutions. We have two resolutions
14 at this particular time. We have one from Bishop
15 Charles H. Ellis III. So I assume that he is not here.
16 I think we all may know Bishop Ellis.

17 What District would that be in?

18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: That would be
19 Commissioner Byrd's District. And I would like to meet
20 with Commissioner Byrd offline after the meeting to
21 discuss a presentation perhaps.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. I think that would
23 be great. Because Greater Grace and the Bishop, it is
24 a long history with this Board. Of course, his father
25 served on this Board. And I just recall that they have

1 always opened their doors for police officers, so...

2 SECRETARY ANTHONY: In fact, if I can
3 correct, that's Commissioner Shelby's District, but I
4 think Commissioner Byrd is a member? Is that my
5 recollection?

6 COMMISSIONER BYRD: No, Grove Baptist Church.

7 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Then I will speak with
8 Commissioner Shelby, and we can see about presentation.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. So is there
10 anything we have to -- maybe Commissioner Byrd, since
11 he is not a member, he could share the resolve with the
12 body here at this particular time, and we will work up
13 a more formal process to present it to the Bishop. Is
14 that --

15 Mr. Board Secretary, would that be
16 appropriate?

17 SECRETARY ANTHONY: That's fine. Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER BYRD: Resolution Honoring
20 Bishop Charles H. Ellis III.

21 Whereas, Bishop Charles H. Ellis III is the
22 Senior Pastor of Greater Grace Temple. He has a
23 congregation of nearly 8,000 members and is known as a
24 leader with a heart for the people; and

25 Whereas, Bishop Ellis began the "Law

1 Enforcement Appreciation and Prayer Day" in 1999
2 following the tragic shootings of two Detroit police
3 officers. Each year the church holds a special prayer
4 service for the law enforcement community and emergency
5 response personnel. The church then hosts a reception
6 for the officers and provides each with a small token
7 of appreciation for their service and commitment.
8 Bishop Ellis believes that we must continually offer
9 encouragement and prayer for those who we hold
10 accountable for keeping and maintaining the peace in
11 our society; and

12 Whereas, in 2002, Bishop Ellis and the
13 Greater Grace Temple family celebrated the grand
14 opening of the church's new 36 million dollar worship
15 facility. Their vision has come to pass. Currently,
16 Greater Grace Temple has over 250 ministries. Some of
17 these ministries extend beyond the church's religious
18 mandate. They include: Providing 100 housing units
19 for seniors and families, educating the students at 2
20 charter schools, and providing child care services at a
21 Montessori Day Care Center. Other services include a
22 print shop, television and recording studios, a travel
23 agency, and a funeral home. Most of these outreach
24 efforts are headquartered on the church's 20-acre site
25 known as the City of David; and

1 Whereas, in July 2010, the 1.3 million member
2 Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Incorporated
3 elected Bishop Ellis to the office of Presiding Bishop,
4 making him the 10th person elected to the highest
5 position in the world's oldest Apostolic organization.
6 He presides over the Diocese of South Carolina in which
7 he oversees nearly 45 churches, and brings the message
8 of God's love to a potential audience of 85 million
9 viewers across the nation on The Word Network and other
10 TV and radio outlets; and

11 Whereas, in addition to his church duties,
12 Bishop Ellis is also an active civic leader serving as
13 a board member of the Detroit Zoology Society, the YMCA
14 of Metropolitan Detroit, and the Vanguard Health Care
15 System (Detroit). He is the founder and President of
16 the Greater Grace Temple's Non Profit Housing
17 Corporation, and the Chairman of the Mayor's Strategic
18 Framework Plan Task Force. Bishop Ellis is a Business
19 Administration graduate of Wayne State University with
20 a major in Accounting. He also holds an honorary
21 doctorate from Aeon Bible College in Indianapolis. He
22 is married to Crisette Michelle, and is the proud
23 father of three children: Kiera, Charles IV, and
24 Kirsten who made her transition in 1994.

25 And Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the

1 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on
2 behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and
3 the Detroit Police Department, honor and salute
4 Bishop Charles H. Ellis III for his visionary
5 leadership, outstanding community service, and
6 contributions to the Detroit Police Department.

7 Adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners
8 August 21st, in the year 2014.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Byrd.

11 The Chair would entertain a motion to receive
12 the Resolution into the record, please.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Support.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved
16 and supported.

17 Those in favor?

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion -- those opposed?
20 Motion carries. Thank you.

21 Mr. Anthony, we have a Directive from 205.10,
22 Internal Border Crossing. Is that something that we
23 are going to address at this time?

24 SECRETARY ANTHONY: No. In fact, prior to
25 the meeting, the Department has asked us to hold off

1 pending the appointment of the new Director next week.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That's correct. You sent
3 out that communication. Thank you.

4 Okay. Any old business?

5 No old business.

6 Announcement, our next -- first of all, our
7 Board of Police Community meeting, they are right on
8 time, okay, Community Meeting is going to take place on
9 September the 11th, 2014, at the Boy Scouts of America,
10 that's 1776 West Warren. That date is September
11 the 11th. And thank you for --

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: 6:30 p.m.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: 6:30 p.m. Thank you for
14 getting that information out early enough that we can
15 really promote it. So appreciate that.

16 And the next meeting is going to be held on
17 next Thursday here at Detroit Public Safety
18 Headquarters, August the 28th, at 3:00 p.m., right here
19 in this room at this particular time.

20 The next point of business is Oral
21 Communications from the Audience. So this is your
22 time. You have two minutes, if you want to come
23 forward, give us your name, for the recorder.

24 And going once.

25 MR. ROADES: Good afternoon. My name is

1 Peter Roades, a resident of Detroit. And I have been
2 before the Board before.

3 And the reason I keep going before the Board
4 is because of a small little problem concerning
5 business licenses.

6 And in April 2014, this Board set forth a
7 policy that police officers should not be giving
8 criminal misdemeanor tickets to the low wage minimum
9 wage person behind the counter. Instead it should be
10 directed to the business owner, or the business
11 manager. And you were talking about an Administrative
12 Order that was entered by Judge Nancy Blount of 36th
13 District Court.

14 And when I was at that meeting, I said, this
15 is not going to work. And I was right.

16 Thursday, one week ago, I was at a seminar,
17 and the Water Department's Supervising Assistant
18 Corporation Counsel Shannon Holmes stated that there is
19 a new policy of increased enforcement, that they would
20 be giving tickets to the employee on the other side of
21 the counter. That they are just going to consider him
22 the manager or the owner, whether he is or not. And
23 worse yet, that they are going to actually change the
24 policy even more.

25 In the past, if a business came forward and

1 showed that they were in compliance and had all their
2 paperwork, the case would be dismissed.

3 But that's no longer the case. The Law
4 Department has taken a new stand. And they are doing
5 this in cooperation with Police Officer Crawford of the
6 Detroit Police Department.

7 Now, I am not upset. It was your policy,
8 this Board's policy, of April 2014, that is somehow
9 being undermined by Police Officer Crawford, who likes
10 to give out these tickets.

11 I am just letting you know what's going on.
12 Good luck to you.

13 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: He is not a relative
14 of mine.

15 MR. ROADES: No. All right.

16 So anyway, you all have a good day. I know
17 that Ms. Washington, Second Deputy Chief Washington
18 knows of the problem.

19 I briefly mentioned it to Ms. Sabree before
20 today's meeting.

21 I have a nice little letter that I am going
22 to hand to Mr. Anthony so you will have something.

23 And good luck.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

25 Commissioner Crawford, do you want to

1 respond?

2 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I just have one
3 question. Where does Police Officer Crawford work?
4 Where does he work? Do you know?

5 MR. ROADES: I am not sure.

6 D.C. BROWN: He works at the Northwest
7 District.

8 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay. Thank you,
9 sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other questions or
11 comments?

12 Thank you, sir. Duly noted.

13 Yes, sir. Step forward.

14 EZEKIEL BEY: Good afternoon. My name is
15 Ezekiel Tariq Bey. And I am in 3rd grade.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I am sorry. Could you
17 repeat that? I don't think the recorder acknowledged
18 your name. Just make it loud and clear one more time.

19 EZEKIEL BEY: Ezekiel Tariq Bey.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think she got it. Thank
21 you.

22 EZEKIEL BEY: And I am on the honor roll. I
23 am in 4th grade. And my goal is to be a police
24 officer, and I sell candy. And I am making a report.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Outstanding. Thank you.

1 EZEKIEL BEY: You're welcome.

2 (Applause).

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is that his first public
4 appearance?

5 MR. QUINCY BEY: It is really.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Outstanding. Keep him on
7 the right track. Yes, sir.

8 MR. QUINCY BEY: I just think --

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Give your name, please.

10 MR. QUINCY BEY: My name is Quincy Bey, just
11 a parent, guiding the youth a little bit. Getting
12 creative so they can be active in -- like in their
13 goals. Because they in the neighborhood, so I
14 just -- I found out how they get this report like here.
15 So when they out here like in the neighborhoods, like
16 on my block, it is like block clubs, it is a few things
17 that's not formally organized.

18 So they want to do some stuff, and because I
19 am divorced, I got to find, you know, ways to have like
20 official, you know, support, not pressuring them too
21 much.

22 And for me it is becoming easier, I just plan
23 stuff with them, you know, they want to have block
24 parties, and so I am organizing a lot of stuff.

25 So now he will be here to let them know he

1 came here, he shared the goals with the youth, attempt
2 to put all that paperwork together, when I report back
3 to the other adults. But I am just attempting to just
4 guide them to make their little goals, without having
5 like too many pressures of, you know, whatever else is
6 going on.

7 So I brought them in because that's their
8 goal. They want to get some police officers, and they'
9 asking me about where is the precinct, where is the
10 range, so I brought them in, do a little report, so
11 they can now line it up, because they are going back to
12 school, so I am just going to attempt to get them to
13 make, you know, a few little meetings so they can kind
14 of balance it out what they want to do. So I
15 appreciate you all.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
17 Appreciate you taking time out to bring your young son
18 to this meeting.

19 Yes, ma'am?

20 MS. WELLS: My name is Investigator Tonya
21 Wells.

22 I am very disappointed not to see Chief Craig
23 again in his seat to my immediate right. The Vehicle
24 For Hire Commission has not met. I have not been put
25 on the agenda to address this particular issue. The

1 City of Detroit, through the Police Department, is not
2 doing its job.

3 I saw with my own eyes the Police -- the Fire
4 Department standing on the corner of East Dequindre and
5 Eight Mile, and also on the corner of Grand River and
6 Livernois, with their boots out literally begging for
7 money.

8 These people have to have a permit, as well.
9 Anything that's sold or collected on a corner, has to
10 be gone through the City Code Department. That is a
11 code violation. That's a \$65 ticket per occurrence
12 violation. The police is to enforce the code in the
13 City of Detroit.

14 And I would like to see the Commissioners
15 from both Districts to find out whether or not the Fire
16 Department had a permit to stand on the corner and
17 embarrass the City of Detroit the way that they did.
18 They had their boots out begging for coins.

19 I am offended. You don't do that. Even if
20 you are raising money for muscular dystrophy, I need to
21 see the statistics. If you are going to stand out
22 there, you need to be able to report to the City of
23 Detroit how much money you collected. And there has to
24 be accountability.

25 The second thing I would like to address is

1 that the vehicle impound lot, B and T Towing has made
2 several errors that resulted in a young man in my
3 district being taken to jail and his car was
4 confiscated. And it was because his car was reported
5 stolen and not taken out of the LEIN machine.

6 Now, I have been wrestling with this since
7 June 20th. It is now August 21st. His car needs to be
8 returned to him. The City of Detroit Police Department
9 should make the arrangements. I have had to put in two
10 citizen complaints because the officers at the
11 10th precinct is unwilling and unable to do their job.

12 So I would like to speak to the Chief
13 personally about the Vehicle For Hire Commission.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am.

15 D.C. BROWN: I will follow up as far as this
16 relates to the vehicle being removed out of LEIN. My
17 staff will follow up with that request. I was going to
18 follow up with the Vehicle For Hire and find out about
19 the Fire Department, but she indicated she would like
20 to speak with the Chief directly on that.

21 MS. WELLS: I would.

22 D.C. BROWN: I will advise him on that.

23 MS. WELLS: I need to leave you my
24 information?

25 D.C. BROWN: He will get it.

1 MS. WELLS: Appreciate it.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am.

3 Any other comments from the audience? I
4 would like to call Ms. -- okay. Go ahead.

5 MR. MAYFIELD: Good afternoon.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon, sir.

7 MR. MAYFIELD: Roscoe Mayfield, citizen of
8 the great City of Detroit.

9 I have some concern about -- I don't know if
10 you saw on the news yesterday, an elderly couple, she
11 was robbed in the driveway of her vehicle. And she is
12 moving out of the city. She is very upset. That
13 looks -- a bad image for the City of Detroit. And I
14 think the -- you know, we need to be mindful of stuff
15 like this.

16 And also, when -- I know nothing gets the
17 department, but we use stats, you kind of mislead
18 people. Like right now, the L.A.P.D. is under
19 investigation for -- they underestimated their major
20 crimes by 14 percent, because of stats, you know, so
21 stats can mislead, as well as put out good information.
22 So just be mindful of that and stuff like that.

23 Mainly, I just want to bring that up about,
24 you know, citizen -- we trying to put more people in
25 the city. When things like this, people wind up

1 leaving the city.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other comments from
5 the audience?

6 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. Bernice Smith,
7 Human Resource Commissioner.

8 Some pleasant news. I brought you something
9 to eat. I attended a reception or an opening, and they
10 had plenty of food there. So I thought about the
11 Commissioners and probably they would like to have some
12 of the tidings that we had. You too, Chief.

13 And our Chief was there. And he had another
14 appointment. Because I asked him was he going to
15 attend the Commission meeting. So he said, no, he had
16 another appointment. And also the guest of honor that
17 we were attending.

18 In the meantime, I did mention to him, I
19 said, you know, we are having so much on the air about
20 the City of Ferguson. I said, don't you think you had
21 better go there and give them some kind of advice and
22 help Johnson out? But he laughed about it and he said
23 they do need help.

24 But I am so proud of our Police Department, I
25 don't know what to do, because I feel as though that

1 they know their job, and we haven't had any discontent
2 with the Police Department so far as far as I know, and
3 I haven't heard of any, but I am just proud of you
4 because of the fact both black and white know how to
5 treat the citizens here in the Detroit area. And we
6 don't have any of that animosity and pulling a gun out
7 on you, want to shoot you and so forth.

8 So I just want to let them know to keep up
9 the good work, and for the citizens, whatever comments
10 that they need or what complaints they need, feel free
11 to come here and speak it before, because I feel as
12 though that you will be interested in taking care of
13 their needs.

14 Again, I thank you, and just keep up the good
15 work.

16 And Byrd, you ready to go. Because they need
17 you down there in Lansing very badly.

18 Thank you so much for your attention.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mother Bernice.

20 Any other comments?

21 Commission Crawford?

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, I have -- well,
23 first of all, I just want to say, hands up, don't
24 shoot, in reference to Ferguson. You know, no justice,
25 no peace.

1 Two announcements here.

2 One, if you have water damage to your
3 basement, flood damage, resource center for residents
4 in the City of Detroit, I believe today is the last
5 day, I am not sure, but I know it started Tuesday, two
6 locations, one, Farwell Rec Center, 2711 East Outer
7 Drive, that's 2711 East Outer Drive, Farwell Rec
8 Center, the phone number is 313-628-2028.

9 The center on the west side is the
10 Adams/Butzel complex, Adams/Butzel complex, at 10500
11 Lyndon, 10500 Lyndon, and the phone number there is
12 313-628-0990.

13 And I do recall Commissioner Moore was on
14 this issue about the flooded basement thing in the City
15 of Detroit, in terms of the response. So I guess early
16 on lack thereof.

17 Sometimes residents in Detroit, this may be
18 their Katrina, depending on their economic status, a
19 basement with a good 2 or 3 feet of water may be a real
20 and it is a real issue.

21 Also, too, the Water Fair is at Cobo Hall,
22 that's with the Water Department, in terms of the
23 citizens attending to the water shutoff, that's this
24 Saturday at Cobo Center, on August the 23rd, from
25 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. And as a matter of fact, that's

1 the last day for this issue in terms of the water
2 shutoffs.

3 Now, I just might say that -- because I was
4 privy to a number of conversations. It is ironic, I
5 speak to the mean-spirited individuals, some of the
6 locker room talk weeks ago when there were water
7 shutoffs in Detroit. And there were conversations
8 where people said, others need to just pay their water
9 bill because I pay mine.

10 And the individuals who had difficulty or had
11 their water shut off, in paying their bills, were
12 praying to get the money to get their water cut back on
13 and praying not to have their water shut off and turned
14 on.

15 It is ironic that four weeks later, people
16 were praying for the rain to stop because their
17 basements were flooded. And some of the same
18 mean-spirited individuals were talking about the floods
19 in their basement, who four weeks prior were talking
20 about these individuals need to pay their own water
21 bill.

22 So, of course, I advised them of the
23 resources, and in the City of Detroit, finally when
24 they did, when the City did respond to this issue of
25 their flooded basements in Detroit.

1 So that's all I have to say, because one was
2 praying to get their water cut on, and others was
3 praying for the rain to stop. So we never know. Thank
4 you.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

6 Any other comments?

7 Commissioner?

8 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Mr. Chair, I do have one
9 announcement. There were several comments made as
10 relates to the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. The
11 NACP is presenting a special forum tomorrow, which is
12 Friday, August the 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
13 entitled State of Relations Between Communities of
14 Color and Law Enforcement, A Conversation to Protect
15 and Serve Minority Youth.

16 There are a number of law enforcement
17 agencies, community activists and community
18 organizations alike. The conversation is being led by
19 Congressman John Conyers, who also sits on the United
20 States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.
21 And what he is attempting to do is create a public
22 record by which he can inform other communities around
23 the country through his role with the Judiciary
24 Committee about ways that communities can emerge out of
25 these situations. And so the community is invited.

1 Refreshments will be served. And it is free and open
2 to the public.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where is it?

4 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Fellowship Chapel, which
5 is 7707 West Outer Drive. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
7 White.

8 Any other comments from the Commissioners?

9 I would like to acknowledge, one of the
10 audience participant mentioned that Second Deputy Chief
11 Washington had joined us. And I just want to
12 acknowledge her presence. And thank you for coming out
13 this afternoon.

14 So if there is no other business for this
15 body, we would entertain adjournment.

16 But before that -- we didn't have an opening
17 prayer. And I would like to offer a closing prayer, if
18 that's appropriate, as we normally have prayer here at
19 our service.

20 So let us pray.

21 Heavenly Father, we just thank you for
22 another day. We just thank you for another
23 opportunity. We ask for a special blessing on this
24 house here, at this particular meeting, for those that
25 are here.

1 For those who could not make the meeting, we
2 ask a blessing, Heavenly Father, because we know that
3 we need your guidance, we need your leadership.

4 We ask a blessing on our mens and sisters in
5 blue, and especially our Chief, and his Command Staff,
6 and all the rank and file, Heavenly Father, just reach
7 out and touch them somehow with love and with
8 fellowship as we go forth in terms of our duties and
9 responsibilities.

10 Bless the City leadership, Heavenly Father,
11 because we must pray for our leadership because they
12 give us guidance, Heavenly Father.

13 We just ask a blessing on this body here as
14 we go about our day, that we can bring about good cheer
15 in some form or another, some form or another, Heavenly
16 Father, because we know that the business is at hand,
17 but it is all about the people, that we must pray for
18 the people, that we must lead the people, that we be
19 part of the people. We must not separate ourselves,
20 Heavenly Father.

21 So as we close out this meeting, we do not
22 close our heart to you, Heavenly Father, because each
23 and every day we must reach out to you. And we are
24 thankful that we have this opportunity to serve, that
25 we serve the public, Heavenly Father. So we want to

1 issue a platform of public safety in terms of peace and
2 tranquility for this community, Ferguson, and
3 throughout the nation, Heavenly Father.

4 As we close, we give you the honor and praise
5 each and every day of our lives. We thank you, in
6 Jesus' name.

7 In Jesus' name, let us say amen.

8 AUDIENCE: Amen.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, what is
10 your pleasure for adjournment?

11 COMMISSIONER WHITE: So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Support.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved
14 and second.

15 Those in favor?

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

18 Motion carried.

19 Thank you for coming out. And we will see
20 you right here next Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

21 Thank you, once again.

22 (Proceedings concluded at 3:39 p.m.)

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